



Wichita Police Department Technical Services Bureau

Donna Elson Retires

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Donna Elson retired after 30 years with the Wichita Police Department as a Records clerk, SPIDER dispatcher, Traffic Investigator and a Crime Scene Investigator. Elson first joined the Wichita Police Department in May 1977 and worked in the Records section in

case desk and four years in SPIDER. In 1981, she decided to become a Traffic Investigator and was assigned to Special Operations

In 2000, Donna transferred to the Crime lab. She became bored working traffic and it was getting less exciting. She wanted to make the good calls

Donna recalls her scariest moment, in the 30 years of service was when a pit bull scaled a fence and started to chase her.

Donna has earned a five and ten-year safe driving award, distinguish service award and a 20-year bronze wreath of merit.

New CSI Hired

Access to P&E

Remember to gain access to P&E without setting off the alarm. Place your ID card in front of the card reader. Open the door, immediately to the right place your card in front of the card reader to turn off alarm. **DO NOT** swipe your card up and down this will only turn the alarm back on.



Nika Orebaugh has been hired to fill the vacant position of Crime Scene Investigator on third shift. Nika started on July 31, 2006. She has an undergraduate B.S. degree in Biology from Southwestern College and a M.A degree in Criminal Justice from WSU and also a certification in Forensic Criminology. Nika also had interned with the Forensic Science Center (in trace evidence) and with the Wichita Fire Department Arson Investigation. Nika was a 911 dispatcher for Reno Co in Hutchens Ks for a short time. Welcome aboard Nika.

Employee of the Month Awards



Paula Halstead
June

Paula was nominated for her work in the fundraiser for Anne Keazer. The work that Paula did helped bring in \$2300 in donations to Anne and her family.



Cory Rodivich
February

Cory was nominated for the recognition that he received when he attended the National Forensic Academy in Tennessee. Cory was elected to be Class President and the recognition that he gained while at the Academy not only was a reflection of Cory, but that of all members of the CSI Section of the WPD.



Jerry Ogburn
August

Jerry was nominated for his assistance in opening files received from the Sheriff's Office for Latent Print Examiner Mindy Craig. Jerry took time to go to the Sheriff's Office to see how they were saving their files so they could be opened in PhotoShop. Jerry also took the time to work with IT and to upgrade the current PhotoShop program on the Latent Print PC.

CSI's Assist Butler County

In June several CSI's assisted Butler County Sheriffs in the body recovery of murder victim Chelsea Brooks where her body was found in a shallow grave in a field in Andover. Also, assisting Butler County was the Homicide section and the Sedgwick County DA.

Technical Services Bureau Members Give Training and Presentations

The Technical Services Bureau members gave the following presentations in July:


- Financial Crimes Thumbprint Signature Program, bank tellers - Mindy Craig, Latent Print Examiner
- Bloodstain Pattern Analysis, to 911 Dispatchers & Friends University- Scott Hayes, CSI Supervisor
- Crime Scene Documentation, to the WPD Reserves - Pat Cunningham, CSI Supervisor
- Criminal Justice / DNA class, at Friends University - Cory Rodivich, CSI Investigator.

The Technical Services Bureau members gave the following presentations in August:


- Crime Scene Documentation, at WSU - Pat Cunningham, CSI Supervisor
 - Latent Prints training for the recruit class- Michelle Gorges Latent Print Examiner
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Did you know?

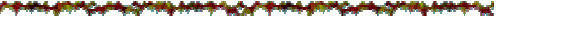
The Crime Scene Investigators worked 599 investigations, this summer, from June through August. 147 were aggravated battery and 151 burglary cases.




The Photo lab had 960 requests. Developed 1,775 rolls of film and printed 11,274 pictures, this summer from June through August.



Supervisor Scott Hayes received a 20-year perfect attendants award. He had not used any sick time in 20 years.



In June, the Crime Scene Supervisors attended a weeklong training on Child Fatality Investigations sponsored by OJDDP and the Fox Valley Technical College.



In June, Supervisor Jamal Bara received training at the FBI school in Quantico on latent print digital photography.

The latent print section had 359 requests, 1,141 latent prints recovered. 1,511 latent prints examine, from June through August.

The month of August proved to be one of the busiest months for the Latent Print Section. Here are some of the things that kept them busy.


Financial Crimes submitted several cases to be processed for latent prints, including 06C42408. Latent Print Examiner Michelle Gorges processed 164 pieces of evidence from 100 folders recovered from a mortgage company. She photographed 118 quality prints from those folders. It resulted in us identifying a one print belonging to a known forger. It also resulted in 3 AFIS hits.

Overall, the Latent Print Section had 33 AFIS hits this month. That is more than twice, what they have had any other month this year. They also had 18 positive comparisons.

Examiner Gorges processed 465 pieces of evidence for latent prints this month. They had 517 latent prints submitted for both Latent Examiners to examine this month.



In July, Lab Director Scott Pike attended the International Association of Identification annual conference and training session in Boston, Massachusetts.



In July Inv. Eugene Jacobs traveled to New Mexico and received training in Incident Response to Terrorist bombings

Does Blood Evidence Really Matter in Burglary Cases?

The answer is yes, this year alone there have been several cases in which blood evidence was collected from the scene and taken to the SCRFSC and ran through CODIS known offender database and came up with a match resulting in an arrest and linked to other burglaries or crimes. Another question we often get is "What items can we collect DNA from?" DNA can be collected from some of the most unlikely sources. We had a case where a tree branch was used as a weapon in an assault case. The Investigator swabbed the tree branch and the DNA collected matched the suspect. So you see, collecting DNA has endless possibilities.



The National Forensic Academy



Dr. Bill Bass with CSI
Cory Rodivich

On May 8th 2006, Crime Scene Investigator Cory Rodivich attended a 10-week course at the National Forensic Academy located at the University of Tennessee, Law Enforcement Center, Knoxville, TN. This is a highly sought after course of high intense training with some of this nation's respected instructors. Dr. Bill Bass is known as "The Father of Anthropology" and creator of world renowned "Body Farm". Other respected instructors in their field are; Dr. Arpad Vass, research scientist of Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Dr. Jamie Downs of Georgia State Medical Examiner's Office, and Dr. Bruce Levy of the Tennessee State Medical Examiner's Office. Mr. Jeff Gurvis, Director of the FBI Scientific Working Group on Bloodstain Pattern Analysis and Mr. Ed Moran, Firearms Examiner of the Alabama Department of Forensic Sciences, expert in bullet trajectory analysis and shooting scene reconstruction.

Cory with deep respect stated, "The class as a whole was, and probably will forever be the most rewarding training experience of my career." The class was divided into week long class sessions covering topics such as

Photography, mapping, latent fingerprint processing, death investigation, anthropology/odontology, bloodstain pattern analysis, shooting scene reconstruction, bomb/explosive scene processing, and arson. In many of the classes, they actually made the crime scene by exploding or burning things to work a more natural/life like scene. The "Body Farm" is the only place in the world in which actual human remains are used for training purposes. The actual two-acre plot of land used for the study contained between 150-200 dead bodies, and in the middle of the summer!

The class was made up of sixteen students who represented a myriad of departments from many states. The pool of knowledge and information was then and now a very valuable source to draw upon. "It is an honor to the first law enforcement professional from the state of Kansas to be accepted into the National Forensic Academy Program."

Cory is always willing to share his knowledge with other CSI's and professionals in the field and classroom. It wasn't long upon his return that he was able to put his newfound knowledge to work on several recent homicides. Congratulations CSI Rodivich upon completion of this higher education in one of the fastest growing career fields today.

If you have any questions regarding anything along the points of interest, please contact Cory Rodivich through e-mail at crodivich@wichita.gov

Crime Scene Tip

Can you name the body part? Things aren't always as they appear!
See page 6 for answer.



Property & Evidence - First Year Anniversary

The Property & Evidence Section has just completed their first year in the [partially] refurbished Rounds & Porter Building. Now that they've had time to settle in, we've asked the good folks at P&E their thoughts about the past year and what future improvements they'd like to see.

The general consensus from the people working there is the new building is so much better than any of the old ones. The new offices are well lit and well equipped, with working air conditioning in the summer & heat in the winter. The security safe glass window & speaker system allows the employees to safely interact with citizens. The security system installed in the building is a giant plus, not only in securing evidence but also for security our greatest asset, our employees. Property Clerk Donna Richard notes that with the new security at City Hall they will call and check on us if they see something suspicious in the lobby or any other area of the building.

The new facility has several dedicated rooms, specifically for things such as controlled, homicide, weapons, and drug evidence. The separate drug storage room in itself was a large bonus, enabling people to work in the warehouse without having to breath in marijuana spores. The vehicle bays have also been a much-used area for the securing and processing of vehicles. (Cont. on page 6)

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Not only the P&E employees have benefited from the new building, the officer turn in room is the best we've ever had. There is not only adequate space & lighting for the officers to do their jobs, but the new facility is climate controlled, has a restroom and soda machine for the officers.

Since moving to the new facility, 25,599 receipts for property have been taken in. What everyone thought was more than enough storage space is proving to be insufficient for future needs. The gun and drug rooms are filling up fast; where to store evidence after that point is uncertain. As the 'streets' become busier, space at P&E becomes more important. Service Officer Keazer points out how every piece of evidence we have represents and open case in our judicial system. Property Clerk Lynda Redfield says she receives as many as 10 bicycles over, a weekend, and 3-5 on a daily basis. The laws are constantly changing forcing us to hold onto items for years. Administrative Assistant JoEtta Richardson notes how this is no help when it comes to items from being purged and alleviating the space issues.

Some improvements the employees there look forward to are better ventilation & stopping water leaks in the warehouse area, larger & improved docks so large trucks and semi's can use them as well, and for more much needed space.

Admin. Asst. JoEtta Richardson says "I thank everyone that was involved in our remodel, it was a very large undertaking with the amount of funds we had to work with. We could not have asked for a more helpful recruit class to assist us in moving all our property. They were the best. "

Crime Scene Tip

To avoid confusion...take overall, intermediate, and close-up photographs of your subject.

OVERALL



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CLOSE-UP

